

REMARKS

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested without withdrawing this application from allowance. The first paragraph on page 1 of the specification has been amended to provide the correct priority information for this application. This information was previously provided in the submission of the priority document, filed July 9, 2001 and on the Declaration filed October 17, 2001.

Copies of the priority document referenced in the priority paragraph added in this amendment was sent to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 9, 2001. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office acknowledged the claim for foreign priority to this priority document both on August 24, 2001 in the Filing Receipt and on July 11, 2006 in the Notice of Allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment presented herein will not require any significant additional substantive work by the Examiner, and will not require a new search. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 04-0100 referencing docket no. 02598/000J593-US0.

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It is believed that no fee(s) is required for these submissions. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any other fee(s) is due or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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